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Mr. Bryan at the White House.

The visit of Mr. William Jennings Bryan to the white house, to pay his respects to the President of the United States, must have been an occasion full of melancholy interest for Mr. Bryan. As the late presidential nominee of the un-sound money Democracy, a great many things must have passed in review before Mr. Bryan's mind while he was in the residence of the Chief Magistrate of the United States.

He saw going into the white house a steady stream of people eager to see the President. He saw men waiting in the outer rooms and in the inner rooms for that one word with the President so dear to the heart of the patriot who is willing to serve his country.

He saw men get the much-coveted handshake. He saw men departing with a smile on their faces, and he saw men going away uncertain as to their fate. Then he saw the great central figure of all this, and must have appreciated the difference between the President and a private citizen.

Perhaps he realized that the presidency brings with it great care, and just as probably the thought of care was not the one most uppermost in his mind. The thought of the great honor and dignity of the office is doubtless what impressed him most.

So it is not too much to say that the visit must have had a melancholy interest for Mr. Bryan, notwithstanding the fact that President McKinley gave him a most gracious and cordial reception and did as much as could be done to make Mr. Bryan feel at home in the place where he was but a casual visitor and one among a throng of thousands.

Perhaps Mr. Bryan dreamed that he would yet be master of the white house, and this is the saddest thought of all, for the dream will never be realized. Mr. Bryan has had his chance and failed to connect. The great American through train has pushed by him, and it is now too late for him to get aboard for the white house.

Society Women in Washington.

We are indebted to the Washington Post for a side-light on the society of the national capital. It appears to have become fashionable for society women in Washington to leave every public entertainment before it is out. No matter how interesting the performance or how much other persons, not quite so fashionable, may be inconvenienced, society women feel that in order to hold their place in society they must sweep out with all the swish and noise possible.

The practice is not confined to places of public entertainment "where you pay your money and take your choice." It is practiced also in private houses. The Post tells that recently a society woman flounced out of a private drawing room when the entertainment was in progress, pushed past the hostess, made no apology, and so maintained her position in Washington society.

We are not sufficiently up to the ways of Washington society to know why society women in that city do these things. Common sense will tell anybody that it is improper to annoy other persons, either when going in or going out of a place of public entertainment; and certainly nothing could well be worse than to leave a private drawing room without some word of parting salutation to the hostess. Perhaps they do these things in Timbuctoo, and as our society is apt to imitate foreign manners it may be that the society women of Washington have concluded to pattern after the Timbuctoo plan.

An Agreeable Situation.

When it became known that Mr. Roosevelt, formerly a civil service commissioner and later one of the police commissioners of New York, aspired to be assistant secretary of the navy, there were those who took it for granted that he was doomed to disappointment. This was on the assumption that Senator Platt would get in Mr. Roosevelt's way and stay there.

The President has nominated Mr. Roosevelt for the position he desired and Senator Platt will not oppose his nomination. As assistant secretary of the navy, Mr. Roosevelt cannot interfere with Senator Platt, who is glad to get him out of the police commissionership in New York. Really Mr. Roosevelt was in Senator Platt's way. It is understood that Mr. Roosevelt's nomination is entirely agreeable to Senator Platt, not only because he gets him out of the New York police board, but because Senator Platt has the assurance from Mayor Strong that Mr. Roosevelt's successor there is to be a Platt man.

It could not, of course, be said that Senator Platt thought all this out and worked it out from the beginning, but it can be said that Senator Platt is a very shrewd man, who devotes a good deal of attention to the practical side of politics. It is an odd chance in politics that gratifies at the same time Mr. Roosevelt and

Senator Platt. Mr. Roosevelt is understood to be very much gratified to be placed in the navy department, where he is to have a position of dignity and residence once more in his favorite Washington.

The Growth of Population.

There is no trouble to keep our population growing by immigration from other lands, but in these latter years our immigration has not been of the most desirable character, and now the best thought of the country is urging on Congress measures of restriction by which it is hoped to reduce considerably the tide that has been flowing into our country.

We want our country to grow, but we prefer the growth that comes from within. If the Association of Bachelor Girls shall have its way, it may be that we shall turn gladly once more to foreign immigration. These girls are endeavoring to establish branch associations all over the country, urging other girls to join with them in making their sisterhood something of a permanent institution. It is fair to add that the bachelor girls to say that they have undertaken their movement as something of an offset to the clubs of bachelor men, whose members are pledged to eternal bachelorhood.

It is plain that these two movements bode no good to the republic. The proper destiny of men and women of sound body and sound mind is to marry and to be given in marriage, and the thoughtful student of sociology must view with alarm these movements against the natural growth of population. At various times and in various foreign lands movements of this character have come up for notice, and they have always been bad.

Senatorial Courtesy.

We hear a good deal of senatorial courtesy, by which is meant the understanding existing among senators that appointments from any state are to be agreeable to the senators from that state, if in line with the national administration.

There is another kind of senatorial courtesy which is not so strictly adhered to in the senate. For example, while Senator Morgan, of Alabama, was discussing his resolution in favor of Cuba, Senator Hale, of Maine, took the liberty to question the Alabama senator's statements. This was as a red flag to a bull. Senator Morgan came back with the accusation that Senator Hale was in direct line of communication with Spanish authorities and got his information from that source.

It does not at all matter where Senator Hale, or any other senator, gets his information. The only question that is proper to raise is whether the information is accurate. If there were real courtesy among senators such a scene as that between the Alabama and Maine senators would be impossible, and so it should be. People like to think of the senate of the United States as a dignified body. Such an accusation as Senator Morgan made against Senator Hale is not only undignified, but hurts the senate in the public estimation.

Local Elections and Political Significance.

Naturally our free silver Democratic friends are finding comfort in the local elections this year. Sometimes a local election has a significance, but rarely. The elections which are now giving so much comfort to our hitherto unhappy friends on the other side were determined by purely local causes. It is not to be inferred from them that if a national election were to take place now the Democrats would triumph. That political organization would be defeated now as it was in November of last year and for the same reasons.

The country has not changed its mind on the money question; it is not desired to have our national system Mexicanized, and if at present it had the choice between William Jennings Bryan and William McKinley, would declare for McKinley and the policy represented by him in preference to William Jennings Bryan and the wild theories for which he stands. The country continues to be all right on this great question. The local elections do not prove that the American people have gone crazy.

Where West Virginia Stands.

Our Popocratic friends who comfort themselves with the fancy that Democratic victories in local elections indicate a "reversal of sentiment" on the silver question since last November, are careful to overlook the fact that similar elections in West Virginia during the winter and spring have been Republican victories.

If so much political significance is to be attached to these purely local results in Ohio, the same reasoning applied to the Republican victories in the three leading cities of West Virginia—Wheeling, Parkersburg and Huntington, and a number of smaller towns, would indicate that there has been no "reversal of sentiment" in this state, and that West Virginia is in the Republican column to stay.

Since Spain insists that there is no war in Cuba, and since this country does not recognize the state of war existing there, where is the authority to interfere with the shipments of munitions of war from American to Cuban ports? The authority does not exist and therefore cannot be exercised rightly. Anybody has a right to buy arms and ammunition in this country and take them to Cuba, subject to the risk of seizure by the Cuban authorities. Our government is not supposed to step in and stop the shipments and has no right so to do.

The "Personal" columns of the great American dailies are often attractive, as the Intelligencer has had occasion to remark. In one of these pathetic appeals a woman says that anybody who will bring her a five-ounce terrier will get a good price for the same. By watching closely the "Personal" column matters of interest are often to be found.

Many statesmen in Washington are confident that ex-Congressman Jack Robinson "will get something." It is also understood that this will content Mr. Robinson. When a man gets into this frame of mind he becomes a good deal of a philosopher.

It may be the Kentucky Republicans had more to do than electing a senator to succeed Senator Blackburn. Certainly they have not been in any hurry to put through the work; as certainly they are not earning golden opinions from all sorts of people.

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, who has been placed at the head of the Democratic party in the house, regards the "claw

hammer" coat as a badge of servitude. Mr. Bailey does not intend to be a slave. While we hurrah for Mr. Bailey we are free to admit the claw-hammer coat is very handy in its way and that it has been worn by such statesmen as Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Thomas H. Benton, not to mention others "too numerous to mention."

Now we shall see whether Mr. Roosevelt will reform the navy department. The understanding is that Secretary Long intends to be at the head of that department himself.

Let the Democratic rooster crow over the local elections. When we have a big national election the soon will turn up again.

ALMOST INCREDIBLE.

Kansas Silverites Threaten to Drive Clergymen who Do Not Believe in Their 'Salley' From the State.

Because certain Presbyterian and Methodist ministers have had the courage of their convictions, says the New York Mail and Express, and, in their capacity of citizens endowed with the rights of free speech and free thought, have pronounced themselves in favor of sound money, leading Populists of Kansas have issued a ukase that these churches must be driven out of the state. The people are exhorted to refuse all aid and support to them, and neither to listen nor contribute to the support of their preachers. The prediction is gravely made that this anti-religious boycott will bring many Presbyterian and Methodist ministers and their families face to face with starvation, and so compel them to emigrate from the state.

Kansas Populists have done nearly all they could do toward impeding, if not destroying the material prosperity of their state. Their crankism has terrified capital, so necessary for the development of its natural resources; has hampered the railroads, its arteries of internal commerce; has discredited its public obligations and has only increased the distress of its agricultural population, which is the stock in trade of the blatant demagogue; they farm the farms to carry out their policy. This material achievement the free silver cranks now propose to add the destruction of spiritual and intellectual agencies, in a spirit of bigotry and persecution that is medieval in its ferocity.

We do not believe that this assault upon the pulpits and upon the personal independence of ministers of the Gospel upon such a question of public policy as honesty in finance can succeed, even in Kansas. The Populists of that state may be able for a time to defeat the prosperity of their deluded victims, but it is inconceivable that they should be able to carry out their effect a conspiracy having for its object spiritual suicide and mental paralysis.

AMERICAN SHIPPING.

Necessity for Senator Etkins' Shipping Bill.

New York Press: We print in another column some statistics taken from an English journal which show how serious is the present low condition of American shipping. The substance of these figures is that in 1880 American vessels carried two-thirds of our imports and exports, while now they transport but more than one-tenth. The Liverpool and London and Globe Company estimates that if this country controlled that share of the ocean carriage which it controlled in 1860, the amount of money represented in earnings of American vessels would be more than \$125,000,000 a year.

President McKinley, accurately measuring the importance of restoring our shipping to something like its former commanding position, has urged Congress to consider how this might best be done. Perhaps there is nothing after the Dingley tariff measure which so deserves the attention and care of Congress as the present condition of American shipping. It is a matter of such grave concern, too, that no policy providing only temporary relief or experimental assistance, should suffice. When Congress takes up this question in earnest it will need to give it more study and research than are usually bestowed upon measures that are offered to correct conditions that are unfortunate for the American people.

Congressman Dorris' Method.

Payette Republican: Congressman C. P. Dorris, is acting on the many postoffice applications before him as fast as he can get the papers in, and is not leaving the applicants in suspense, as is often the case. As soon as he decides upon a course of action he immediately notifies all concerned and after his word is given no change will be made under any circumstances, unless, possibly, proof of the unworthiness of the party endorsed. Last week a petition was presented for an office where he had already decided upon the matter, and in addition to the petition the applicant had the endorsement of Mark Hanna, M. E. Ingalls, M. S. Quay and other Republican leaders of national reputation, but they had no effect whatever in causing him to go back on his promise. He does not adopt the usual political rule of trying to make everybody who applies for an office feel confident of success, but he plainly and honestly tells all who come or write to him, the true situation, as far as he knows. This is far more gratifying in the end to all concerned and will win him the respect of the defeated applicants.

Sistersville Reform.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—I notice in your edition of this date (April 6) an article headed "Reform at Sistersville," which certainly requires some correction. The Sunday reform was only a partial reform. In fact only such saloon keepers reformed to do so. But the more favored ones (two or three in number) were open, wide open! And one establishment, situated on the principle street of our town, employed extra barkeepers and did the largest business of the year. There has been no exodus of prostitutes. The castles on the hill side still "hang their banners on the outer walls" to the scandal and disgrace of all respectable citizens. There nothing like being on the inside. "Tiene a la vista." S. KIDD.

Sistersville, W. Va., April 6.

Love Lives On.

Emma Player Seabury in New England Magazine.

I took from my hiding place last night Your letters, sweetheart, and read, And their passion thrilled in the waning light. Though I said, "My love is dead," But tears came back to my world-worn eyes.

As I thought of a golden June And lovers who sang, "Love never dies While boats drift under the moon."

For white wings come and white sails go, Drifting out into the dawn; But memory comes with softest flow, And it is true as ever was I know, That love lives on and on.

It comes with the touch of the clasp of a hand, Or the glance of a stranger's eye, Or a kindly act in a foreign land, Or the gleam of a starry sky, Or a drifting boat on a starry lake, Or a lily over you with your car, Or the sound of the winds and waves that break.

In melody, on the shore. But as long as white wings come and go, Or drift in the rosy dawn, While memory comes with softest flow, It is true as ever was I know, That love lives on and on.

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TARIFF PROTESTS.

How the Senate of Them Effects Their Weight.

Boston Journal (Rep.): The significance of protests and remonstrances against the Dingley bill can best be judged by considering their source.

The announcement that the New York chamber of commerce has passed resolutions against the bill is made with a good deal of impressiveness; but when it is added that these resolutions were engineered by a committee of which Mr. Gustav H. Schwab is chairman, the announcement takes on a somewhat different meaning.

Mr. Schwab is an agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company. It will be remembered that it was this company which organized a tremendous lobby against the immigration restriction bill. The bulldozing and boycotting letters which it sent or caused to be sent to members of Congress, warning them that they would imperil their chance of re-election if they voted for the bill, form an interesting part of the literature of the debate on the measure and are preserved in the Congressional Record. Senator Lodge having made good use of them in his speech.

Mr. Schwab's motives are perfectly transparent. He was opposed to the bill for the restriction of immigration because it threatened to diminish the business of his company. The fact that thousands of the immigrants landed here are a menace to our institutions and become almost at once upon their arrival a charge upon the public treasury does not concern Mr. Schwab. It is his business to get immigrants here, not to concern himself about what becomes of them afterward.

In like manner Mr. Schwab is opposed to the Dingley tariff bill because it will diminish the imports from Germany, and to that extent reduce the profitable business of his company. That every cargo of goods brought here from Germany diminishes by so much the opportunities for American labor in the departments of industry affected, does not trouble Mr. Schwab.

The bill for the restriction of immigration is a bill in the interest of America. The Dingley tariff bill is also a bill in the interest of America. The antipathy which Mr. Schwab feels toward like him feel to these measures is perfectly intelligible.

A Mother's Gratitude.

Washington special in Chicago Record: President McKinley wrote a note to Mrs. Sheridan a few days ago, asking her to call at the white house at her earliest convenience, and she went there Tuesday. He told her that he had heard of her desire to have "Little Phil," who is now seventeen years old, appointed to a cadetship at West Point.

Mrs. Sheridan replied that it was the great dream of her life, and that she had asked President Cleveland to appoint him, but he had declined to do so, and she was about giving up hope.

"I wouldn't be discouraged if I were you," responded the President. "I sent for you in order that I might have the pleasure of telling you, and that I had already signed his appointment, and to suggest that he ought to be preparing for his examination in June."

Mrs. Sheridan murmured her thanks the best she could, but was almost overcome with mingled surprise and gratitude.

Ex-Gov. MacCorkle Buys a Picture.

Cincinnati Enquirer: Mr. T. C. Lindsay has just completed a large painting of the big lioness, Flora, at the Zoo. It is for ex-governor MacCorkle, of Charleston, W. Va. It is a mate for the picture of the lion which the governor purchased last week. The modeling of the head is fine, and the sleepy expression of an animal when in repose has been caught exactly. That peculiarly delicate coloring of the skin which blends into a fawn, which is found in the lioness has been caught to perfection.

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